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OPPOSED TO THE "LEGALIZED ATROCITY."

Parents and Children Have Some Rights
That Ought to Be Respected.

To the Editor of The Evening World:

My attention has been called to a circular letter by the President of "The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children," in which he strongly opposes the passage of Assembly Bill No. 45 by which it is sought to amend the Penal Code that the parents of a child which has been committed to a public institution by the warrants of an inferior magistrate may have the proceeding resulting in such commitment inquired into, both as to the law and the fact by a Judge of a Court of Record.

This is an eminently proper bill, and one which ought to be passed. It is difficult to conceive of any case in which the right of review may be more urgent.

When a child is forcibly taken from the home of a parent and committed to a public institution, the parents and guardians should certainly have the right to an investigation by a Judge of a Court of Record as to the justice and legality of the proceeding.

The Society referred to has done much good work in protecting children whose parents would not or could not properly care for them.

The passage of the bill referred to will not in any way hamper the proper exercise of its duties, but it will operate as a salutary restraint upon unwise, hasty or inconsiderate actions.

It is certainly to be desired that the very great and arbitrary powers conferred upon the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which may easily be perverted to injustice and wrong, should be exercised under the supervision of a Judge of a Court of Record.

There should be no arbitrary interference between parent and child. When a child is forcibly taken from a parent under the institution of this Society, it should be prepared to show that there was a real and pressing necessity for its interference and that it has not proceeded unjustly or illegally.

The judges of our higher courts can devote their time to no more useful business than in seeing to it that parents are not unjustly or arbitrarily despoiled of their children.

Jan. 30. J. L. S.

WORLDLINGS.

Gen. Mahone's son, Butler, is said to have won \$30,000 lately in the pool-rooms of Washington. He began in a humble way, betting \$5 or \$10 at a time until he had won \$1,000, after which he increased his bets.

A young man died in La Grande, Ore., recently from the effects of over-exertion in dancing.

One of the most beautiful children in Washington is little "Jack," the infant son of Senator Chandler. He has large dark eyes, the fairest complexion and long shining hair that is golden in the sunlight. He is just three years old.

William Golen, of Lexington, Ind., bathed a neighbor's dog in turpentine and then touched a match to it. The tormented brute rushed through the town and started several fires before it was killed. Golen was taken before a Justice and heavily fined.

ENTERPRISE APPRECIATED.

What Our Contemporaries Have to Say
About the Cut of the Flag from Samoa.

[From the Philadelphia News.]

The New York Evening World last night printed a cut of the American flag torn and partially burned at Samoa by German marines from the man-of-war Olga, and quotes Secretary Bayard's cowardly declaration that "the mutilation of this flag involves no international discourtesy."

This tattered, riddled, scorched standard now lies upon the desk of Assistant Secretary Rives, of the State Department, a mute, but eloquent witness against the violence of Mr. Bayard.

No sensible American desires war with Germany or believes there will be war with that power; but no man worthy to be called a citizen of this country desires a dishonorable, cowardly National policy in the matter of Samoa.

Nor would there be danger in demanding our rights, for if our navy is weak, we have that which will create a navy at short notice—an unlimited amount of money—and all the world knows it.

President Cleveland, judging from the tone of his message to Congress yesterday in relation to Samoa affairs, realizes the gravity of the situation and the fact that blunders have been made. A repetition of those blunders would be costly.

[From the Boston (Globe) Telegraph.]

The New York Press compliments the New York Evening World upon its enterprise. This is more decent journalism than abuse and misrepresentation of a rival, and, in the long run, will pay better.

OUR AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION.

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UNDER ESPIONAGE.

United States Military Affairs
Watched by the Germans.

Our Points of Strength and
Weakness on File at Berlin.

Spies Enlist in Our Army and Navy to
Gain Information.

While the tests of the dynamite gun were going on down the bay the other day a small, alert, sharp-eyed little man made his appearance and began to watch and listen carefully.

The little man was at once recognized by Lieut. Zaluski and others as Baron von Stomberg, who is an officer of the Imperial German Army.

The Baron had not been invited to the test. Indeed, his presence was not altogether desirable, yet he was received with courtesy and shown attention fitting to his rank.

This is only another instance following many which have been disclosed within the last five years, indicating the thoroughness of the German War Department's espionage over the army and navy movements and the defensive arrangements of the United States.

The same espionage, it is said, has been extended over other powers, but not in all cases to such an extent as in this country.

German officers have enlisted as privates in our army and as common sailors in our navy, and after getting what information they needed, have calmly deserted and returned to their rank and station.

These spies are detailed from the German army and are chosen with great care from among the brightest officers. They, upon receiving their assignments, sink their identity and assume whatever disguise may be necessary, even to that of a wandering peddler.

Everything about our country, its defenses, its resources, its railway facilities, its points of strength, its weaknesses—all the information that could be of any possible service to an attacking or invading enemy, is believed to be on file, in maps and papers, in the German War Department.

The control of this matter of keeping informed as to the state of the affairs of other countries is vested in a general staff, by the head officer of which all operations are ordered and directed.

Other nations, particularly Great Britain, have a somewhat similar system, but nothing approaching the completeness of the German arrangement.

The utility of the German method was amply demonstrated in the latest Franco-Prussian war, when the Germans actually knew more of the country they invaded than did the defenders of that country.

It might be proved again in case the Russo-German complications should lead to a strife between Germany and the United States, and it is because of the possibilities involved in this matter that special interest centers about the accomplishments of the German spies who are and have been among us.

The United States has had a similar espionage over the affairs of Bismarck's realm the secret has been carefully guarded.

THIS RABBIT IS NOT YET DEAD.

Prof. Poe's Experiments on "Socrates"—
Restoring Life After Asphyxiation.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 2.—An object of great curiosity here at present is a rabbit called "Socrates" which Prof. George Poe, a relative of the late Edgar Allan Poe, has drowned eleven times and brought back to life again.

Prof. Poe has invented an artificial pair of lungs, which he uses to restore life for drowning or asphyxiated.

Socrates has been submerged under water in the presence of a number of witnesses and held there for ten minutes, and Socrates has also been done to death with fumes of burning charcoal, until all signs of life have been extinct. A mirror held at the mouth and nose showed no vapor, neither was there any heart action.

Prof. Poe attached his patent bellows covering the mouth of the animal, and then, by means of a contraction of the lungs of the subject until life was restored.

Prof. Poe claims that he can drown and restore human beings as well as rabbits. He will not discuss the secret of compounding or the quality of gases used in the process.

He thinks his artificial lungs will become generally adopted by fire departments and hospitals through the country.

Socrates is quite well to-day, jumping about the door-yard, but this evening he is to be drowned again.

THE DREAM TOURNAMENT.

Send in Your Dreams at Once and Try for
the Gold Double Eagle.

THE EVENING WORLD'S Dream Tournament promises to be very interesting. The dreams are already coming in and many of them are very fantastic and creditable to the dreamers.

If you are at all expert as a dreamer, it will be worth your while to try for the gold double eagle that goes to the dreamer of the most remarkable dream. You should record your interesting dreams at once and forward them, for, as between dreams of equal merit, priority of receipt will determine the prize winner.

An already stated, Mr. Julian Hawthorne, the popular novelist, will act as judge and award the prize. All competitors should address "Dream Tournament," THE EVENING WORLD, New York.

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FIRE, PANIC AND A CRASH.

FALLING WALLS OF A BURNING FACTORY
CRUSH TWO HOUSES.

There Is a Seventy-Five-Thousand-Dollar
Loss for the Proprietors of the Factory
and There Were a Big Scare and Narrow
Escapes for Many People—Tenement
Families Frightened Out Into the Cold.

A disastrous fire occurred at the sash and blind factory of C. Graham & Son's Company, 305, 307 and 309 East Forty-third street, early this morning.

The building is surrounded by a number of large tenement-houses, the occupants of which were frightened almost out of their wits by the fierce conflagration, and the police had all they could do to prevent a serious panic.

The fire was discovered at 1 o'clock by Policeman Reagan, in the fourth story of the factory. That floor was used as the cabinet shop, while the varnish rooms were just above on the top floor.

By the time the firemen had arrived the upper floors were completely enveloped in flames, which had spread quickly through the combustible material of the factory.

The blaze drove back the firemen, who tried to run a line of hose up the narrow stairway at No. 305, and it was not until 2 o'clock that the fire was brought under control.

Meanwhile the flames were pouring from all the windows in the upper part of the building, and the big double tenements in Second avenue and in Forty-fourth street were threatened. The people fled from both buildings in droves, carrying what they could with them.

People living in Forty-third street were also greatly alarmed, and the window sashes and blinds smoked in the intense heat.

The fire had been going for half an hour when it was noticed that the walls on the west end were beginning to bulge over the two little two-story buildings at 301 and 303 East Forty-third street. The first one was occupied by W. Flynn and his wife, and the latter by Mrs. Kelly, a widow, her two daughters—Mrs. Stegel and Mrs. Skellie—and two boarders, Patrick Mennan and Thomas Marion.

Policeman Reagan, assisted by several citizens, aroused these people and told them to get out of the upper part of the building as fast as they could. The first one was lost out, and just as she was going through the door with James McHenry, the proprietor of the saloon on the corner, the factory walls fell in, and the two little buildings were buried under a mass of bricks and mortar.

Mrs. Kelly fainted and had to be carried into a neighboring house.

The fire was confined to the three upper stories of Nos. 305 and 307 of the factory, and after two hours' work it was under control and the people returned to the tenement-houses.

Graham estimates his total loss at \$75,000, of which \$20,000 is on stock, \$25,000 on machinery and \$30,000 on the building. The entire insurance on stock, building and machinery is \$40,000.

Freeman Killam, of Engine Company No. 21, had his foot hurt by the falling walls. The injury is not serious.

MISS WAINWRIGHT AS LADY TEAZLE.

Miss Marie Wainwright's conception of the role of Lady Teazle, in Sheridan's "School for Scandal," presented at the Grand Opera-House, last night, differs somewhat from the conventional idea. Miss Wainwright is an ardent believer in the fascinating qualities of the coquette. Her Koskand was pert and snubbing, at times, her Lady Teazle is a "cute" little woman of the world, whose quarrelsome propensities are not at all alarming, and who could not possibly have rendered Sir Peter Teazle's life as miserable as Sheridan wanted to show that her ladyship did. Miss Wainwright, wheedles, and coquets, and bridges and puns. She renders the role of Sir Peter Teazle, for no man, unless he were an idiot (and Sheridan has no intention of making Sir Peter an idiot), could find it in his heart to snub her playful coquetry.

That Lady Teazle in Miss Wainwright's hands is a delight to the eye and ear, is a fact not to be disputed. Miss Wainwright is utterly charming. She has a dainty personality that is magnetically appealing. Miss Wainwright has one or two of Miss Adia Rehan's characteristics, and any woman who has one or two of those—or even half of one—must be interesting.

When Miss Wainwright has overcome her unfortunate self-consciousness, and has learned that no man or woman on the stage can afford to remember the audience, she can be looked upon as one of the most promising "stars" of the day. Miss Wainwright carefully watches the effect of every point upon the audience. The supreme charm of Miss Adia Rehan's acting is, and is apparently oblivious of the fact that there is any other world than the fictitious one in which she is moving.

Louis James was rather a colorless Charles Surface. The members of the company were not thoroughly at home in their parts, but remembering that the play was not put on for a run they did fairly well. H. A. Langdon was Sir Peter Teazle, F. C. Mosley, Joseph Surface; E. G. Backus, Sir Oliver Surface; Harry Leitch, Sir Benjamin Backbit; Miss Kate Meek, Mrs. Candour; Miss Anita Harris, Lady Sneerwell, and Miss Alma Harris, Lady Snecwell.

Medals for Faithful Girl Pickets.

The Feather-Workers' Branch of the Working-men's Union last night presented medals to Annie Spencer, Nellie Backbit, and Annie Creighton, the three bright girl pickets who were awarded while on duty near the factories. Miss Ida Van Elten bestowed the medals, on each a white ribbon—red ribbon—Presented by their fellow workers for faithfulness in their struggle to maintain fair wages.

Victory for Pennsylvania Coal Miners.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 2.—On Monday all the miners in the Monongahela Valley will go to work at the old wages. The operators have lost their two months' fight. The firm refusal, even in the face of starvation, to deal for two and three-quarter cents a bushel has gained the miners their point.

HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA.

Sold by all druggists. 61c. per bottle. Prepared only by U. L. HOOD & Co., Lowell, Mass.

100 DROPS ONE DOLLAR.

TOO MUCH TO BEAR.

Ireland's Friends Protest Against
O'Brien's Treatment.

Balfour Calls a Messenger from
Sexton a Cur.

The Editor Remains Naked and Speechless in Clonmel Jail.

TRY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—The treatment of O'Brien in Clonmel Prison causes great indignation throughout Ireland. Meetings are called for tomorrow in the principal towns. An indignation meeting is to be held in Phoenix Park. If police interfere there will be trouble. Rioting in many other places is expected.

Mr. Thomas Sexton yesterday telegraphed to Mr. Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, saying that the treatment to which Mr. William O'Brien had been subjected to since his incarceration in the Clonmel Jail had excited intense disgust in Ireland.

Mr. Sexton says that for thirty-six hours Mr. O'Brien has remained naked and is now speechless. The prison officials, considering Mr. O'Brien to be in a critical condition, had telegraphed to Mr. Balfour for orders. Mr. Sexton therefore urged Mr. Balfour to issue orders that the violent treatment of Mr. O'Brien be at once stopped, and warned him that the public anger was rapidly reaching a point where restraint would be impossible.

Mr. Balfour did not reply, and Mr. Sexton sent a messenger to the Vice-regal Lodge at 2 o'clock this morning with a letter for Mr. O'Brien. After the messenger had rung several times Mr. Balfour appeared and called the man a cur and believed that he was not a messenger, but a man on duty at the lodge for allowing people to disturb him.

MERCHANTS PROTESTING.

Loss of Trade on the West Side—The Authorities Asked to Interfere.

A meeting composed of Eighth avenue storekeepers and some from the west side of the city was held in the hall attached to the warehouse of Doherty & Co., 537 Eighth avenue, this morning, and a circular was issued, addressed to the "Locally elected representatives of the people and to public at large."

In this circular, the storekeepers state that owing to the prevailing strike, their business has to a certain extent become paralyzed.

Out-of-town people are afraid to visit the city, and local residents are timid about going out to make their necessary purchases.

In consequence a falling off of about 50 per cent. has occurred in their sales, and the storekeepers ask if the officials of this city cannot devise some plan or method of bringing about an adjustment of the trouble, and allow trade to resume its normal condition.

While not pretending to act as judges in the matter, the storekeepers say "they are compelled, as candid men, to admit that in this controversy, as far as it has appeared in the daily press, the railroad corporation appears to a great and decided disadvantage," and they ask that as the State Board of Arbitration has given the matter up, who then is to rescue them from this deplorable state of affairs?

They ask that our officials take the matter in hand and make a determined effort to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the trouble.